

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, June 3, 1907

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Halifax Hotel, Halifax, Canada. June 3rd, 1907. Mrs. A. G. Bell, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.
Dear Mabel:

We have had a most delightful voyage from Boston — sea smooth — air balmy — stateroom door and window wide open day and night — on upper deck. Halifax Chronicle speaks of “Snow storm in New York — yesterday was the coldest 2nd of June ever recorded in the great city — Wind blew a gale” and etc., etc. All this in big type. We have had nothing of this — delightful weather throughout.

Wakened up this morning about ten o'clock to find S.S. Halifax still at her deck here — instead of well on her way towards Hawkesbury. She will probably not leave here till after noon — which means that she will not arrive at Hawkesbury until midnight. There seemed to be quite a stiff north-easter blowing too, which augurs badly for the comfort of the trip to Hawkesbury. The prospect of a tossing between here and the Straights — coupled with the absence of decent hotel accommodations at Hawkesbury has led us to abandon the Steamer here and proceed by rail.

Douglas reports that we can take a train about 1:20 and go right through to the Grand Narrows reaching Baddeck tomorrow morning. This we have decided to do.

We sent you a joint telegram early this morning — 2 signed “Bell and Company.” I wrote the first part then Douglas wrote about Baldwin's dark girl dressed in blue — to whom he spoke on the Steamer although she did not chew gum ! Then Baldwin wrote about Douglas “we nearly lost John” — referring to Douglas' visit to Mrs. Stairs — to his

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discovery that Susie Stairs has a younger sister, Kathleen — a “beautiful” girl — and to Douglas' consequent late arrival on the Steamer — “we nearly lost John.”

Baldwin, Douglas and I will proceed by rail from here. Mr. McNeil, young McNeil and young Bethune will probably stick to the steamer.

Your loving husband, Alec.